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## Editorial Policy

This brochure reports on the environmental preservation activities of the Furukawa Electric Group in fiscal 2004. In addition to the articles covered last year, this report has included compliance activities. The environmental impact data for Furukawa Electric alone, and also the data of its group companies are provided, so that the situation of the entire Group can be grasped. In addition, concrete examples of the activities of Furukawa Electric, and the scale of the environmental impact of its non-production bases are provided, to make the activities of Furukawa Electric and its Group easier to read and understand.

In compiling this report, we have made reference to the Environmental Reporting Guidelines (Fiscal Year 2003 version) published by the Ministry of the Environment, as well as the Sustainability Reporting Guidelines 2000 published by Global Reporting Initiative.

## Business Bases Covered by this Report

# 1. All the business bases of Furukawa Electric

OChiba works @Nikko works ③Hiratsuka works ④Mie works ⑤Osaka works

6 Kambara works @Shinagawa works 8 Yokohama R&D Laboratories

Kambara works was closed in March 2005, but it continued its manufacturing operation until December 2004. In this report, we have included its activities up to that time.

#### 2. Affiliated companies

Access Cable Company Asahi Electric Works Co., Ltd.

Furukawa Logistics Corporation and 35 other companies

(Company names are described on page 7)

- \*1) In this report, when "Furukawa Electric" is mentioned, it refers to the business bases of the item, 1. above When "the Furukawa Electric Group" is mentioned, it refers to the business bases of the items 1 and 2 above (excluding pages 27 to 29).
- \*2) The business bases covered by this report are different to the previous report, due to the changes in the group companies. Therefore, the environmental impact data for Furukawa-Sky Aluminum Corp. is retroactively extracted from the data of Furukawa Electric, and is included in the data of affiliated companies, as data for Furukawa-Sky Aluminum Corp. For other companies, data is provided both for newly covered business bases for fiscal 2004, and also for the business bases that had been traditionally covered.

#### Period Covered

From April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005

Information regarding past events and fiscal 2005 is partially included.

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#### Reorganization and alliance of electric power division during this period

The electric power division of The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. integrated with VISCAS Corporation and Furukawa Industrial Cable Co., Ltd. on January 1, 2005 to create the new VISCAS Corporation and Furukawa Electric Industrial Cable Co., Ltd. Considering the large environmental impact of these divisions that significantly affects annual data counting, we compiled the data for these divisions to be included in the conventional works to which each division belonged to, carrying out the data counting on a full year basis up to the end of March.

Also Shinagawa works has changed its nam e to the Head Office VISCAS due to the reorganization, but it is using the name as of April 2004 in this report and is covered by Furukawa Electric solely.